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PARENT APPLICATION  
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FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RACK MOUNT  
SYSTEM MID-PLANE INTERCONNECT USING  
SWITCHED TECHNOLOGY

GROUP ART UNIT : 2181

EXAMINER : TBA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, kindly cancel claims 1-22 and 30-31 (Group I), in this Divisional application leaving claims 32-33, (Group II), prior to calculating fees.

Applicant elected to prosecute cancelled claims 1-22 and 30-31 in the parent application and file this Divisional application to prosecute the remaining claims 32-33. This application claims benefit of the September 29, 2000, filing date of the above-mentioned parent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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